



## Lamoine Board of Selectmen

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### Minutes of December 12, 2013

Chair Jo Cooper called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM

Present were: Selectmen Bernie Johnson, Gary McFarland, Cynthia Donaldson, S. Josephine Cooper; Administrative Assistant Stu Marckoon, Town Attorney Daniel Pileggi and son Quentin. Arriving after the executive session ended were Selectmen Nathan Mason, Local School Advisory Committee member Gordon Donaldson, Code Enforcement Officer Michael Jordan, School Board candidate Gregory Stone, and Education Transition Consultant Judith Lucarelli.

**Agenda Review** – No changes were proposed to the printed agenda and addendum.

**Executive Session** – Jo moved to go into executive session to consult with the town attorney pursuant to 1-MRSA§405(6)(e). Gary 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Vote in favor was 4-0 at 6:30 PM. Out at 7:06 PM.**

**Minutes – November 21, 2013** – Cynthia submitted one minor grammar/date revision. Jo moved to approve the minutes as revised. Gary 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Vote in favor was 5-0.**

**Expenditure Warrant 10** – Selectmen signed warrant 10 in the amount of \$203,109.44. Stu noted that \$167,000 was for RSU 24, many tax lien discharges and two payrolls were included. He said he would have to move \$110,000 from investments to checking.

**Cash & Budget Reports** – There were no questions regarding the written reports.

**Lien Foreclosures** – Stu reported three 2011 tax liens have yet to be paid, and the foreclosure date is Saturday, which would make the deadline Monday.

**School Department Transition Consultant** – Gordon Donaldson reported the Local School Advisory Committee developed a budget for transition costs and has recommended a contract for a consultant. He said Dr. Judith Lucarelli has met with the Town of Hancock and agreed to a similar contract as education consultant. He reviewed the proposed budget, explaining that phase 1 of the budget would run through April 30, 2014 and the second through June 30, 2014. He said Lamoine would share Dr. Lucarelli's services with Hancock. Gary asked if the budget would come from the funds that were not expended from the RSU withdrawal fund. Stu said no, they would come from the education fund balance that existed when the town joined RSU 24. Dr. Donaldson said the recommendation for the January 9, 2014 town meeting warrant article is \$25,000.

Dr. Donaldson reviewed the task list attached to the proposed contract. He noted that if approved, Dr. Lucarelli would work for the Board of Selectmen through January 9, 2014 and then for the new school committee. Dr. Lucarelli said she has signed a contract with the Town of Hancock. After a brief discussion about the dates, the contract was updated to reflect that Dr. Lucarelli would work for the Selectmen through January 14, 2014, and if the school committee extends the contract, would work for the school department afterwards. Dr. Lucarelli explained her education background and noted she is finishing

up a contract with the Passamaquoddy Indian Nation next week and continues as the part time superintendent for the Town of Otis. Jo moved to sign the contract with Dr. Lucarelli. Nathan 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Vote in favor was 5-0.**

**Town Meeting Warrant** – Stu noted that the warrant up for signature this evening includes the \$25,000 budget recommendation. He reviewed each article on the proposed budget. Greg Stone, one of the candidates on the school board ballot, introduced himself. Gordon Donaldson noted that the Local School Advisory Committee would host a conversation with the town in the coming weeks. Selectmen signed the Town Meeting warrant for January 7 and 9, 2014.

**Hancock County Planning Commission Letter** – Jo moved to sign the letter supporting a solid waste technical assistance grant application with the Hancock County Planning Commission. Cynthia 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Vote in favor was 5-0.**

**Thank You Letters** – Selectmen signed letter thanking members of the Comprehensive Plan Planning Committee, the RSU 24 Withdrawal Committee and the Education Planning Committee for their service. All three committees have completed their tasks.

**Lamoine Quarterly** – Stu said he's started writing the January 2014 edition and would e-mail a draft for approval prior to the print date for final editing. Selectmen felt the paper should be out as soon as possible given the School Committee vote and Special Town Meeting in Early January.

**Town Report** – Selectmen had no objection to the proposed cover, which is a shot taken from Lamoine State Park. Stu said he would contact Xpress Copy to see if the price will be comparable to past years. Cynthia said she would like to see page references in the town meeting warrant showing where the budget is located.

**2014/15 Budget** – Stu reminded the board that the Budget Committee meets Monday. He said the full budget is now compiled, and the picture isn't pretty. He said because so little was paved the past two years, the proposed Needles Eye Road paving causes quite a large increase.

**Small Animal Clinic Contract** – Jo moved to sign the annual contract with the Small Animal Clinic to take care of stray animals. Gary 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Vote in favor was 5-0 – Selectmen signed the contract.**

**Next Meeting** – The next regular meeting will be Thursday, January 9, 2013 at 6:30 PM to be followed by the Special Town Meeting at 7PM.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:04 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Stu Marckoon, Administrative Assistant to the Selectmen